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**ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BILLINGS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DALTON ALLAN HALLGREN,
aka Donald Hallgren, Jr.,

Defendant.

CR 15- 43- BLG-SPW

INDICTMENT

WIRE FRAUD (Counts I-V)

Title 18 U.S.C. § 1343

(Penalty: 20 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, and three years supervised release)

**ENGAGING IN MONETARY
TRANSACTIONS IN CRIMINALLY-
DERIVED PROPERTY (Counts VI-VII)**

Title 18 U.S.C. § 1957

**(Penalty: Ten years imprisonment,
\$250,000 fine or, alternatively, twice the
amount involved in the transaction, and
three years supervised release)**

**AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT
(Count VIII)**

Title 18 U.S.C. §§ 1028A(a)(1) & (c)(5)

**(Penalty: Mandatory two years
imprisonment, consecutive to any other
sentence, \$250,000 fine, and one year
supervised release)**

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

Background

1. Beginning in or about June 2011, DALTON ALLAN HALLGREN incorporated Alpha Oilfield Services (“Alpha”) with the State of Montana.
2. On or about November 2011, DALTON ALLAN HALLGREN commenced working for Central Petroleum Limited, an Australian oil and gas producing and exploring company (“Central”).
3. DALTON ALLAN HALLGREN served as both Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Officer of Central.

Scheme to Defraud

4. From in or about November 2011 through in or about February 2013, the defendant, DALTON ALLAN HALLGREN, in the District of Montana and elsewhere, devised and intended to devise a scheme to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises.

Manner and Means

It was part of the scheme that:

5. DALTON ALLAN HALLGREN, in application for employment with Central would and did represent the he had obtained a Bachelor of Science in

Petroleum Engineering from Montana Tech of the University of Montana when in fact he had not obtained a degree from Montana Tech.

6. DALTON ALLAN HALLGREN did not represent that he was owner of Alpha when he caused Alpha to invoice, and Central to pay, approximately \$567,302.00 (USD) in 2012 for equipment that Alpha never provided.

7. DALTON ALLAN HALLGREN did not represent that he was owner of Alpha when Central paid the above-referenced monies to Alpha for DALTON ALLAN HALLGREN's financial benefit.

Execution of the Scheme

8. On or about each of the dates set forth below, in the District of Montana and elsewhere, the defendant, DALTON ALLAN HALLGREN, *aka Donald Hallgren, Jr.*, for the purpose of executing the scheme described above, and attempting to do so, caused to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate and foreign commerce the signals described below for each count, each transmission constituting a separate count:

COUNTS I - V (Wire Fraud)

Count	Date	Amount	Origin	Recipient
I	1/27/2012	\$139,975.00	Australia	Billings, Montana Wells Fargo Bank account XXXXXX3802
II	4/12/2012	\$143,073.00	Australia	Billings, Montana Wells Fargo Bank account XXXXXX3802
III	5/9/2012	\$137,079.00	Australia	Billings, Montana

				Wells Fargo Bank account XXXXXX3802
IV	6/19/2012	\$107,032.00	Australia	Billings, Montana Wells Fargo Bank account XXXXXX3802
V	7/25/2012	\$40,143.00	Australia	Billings, Montana Wells Fargo Bank account XXXXXX3802

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

**COUNTS VI - VII
(Money Laundering)**

9. Paragraphs 1 through 8 of the Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

10. On or about the dates below, in the District of Montana and elsewhere, DALTON ALLAN HALLGREN, *aka Donald Hallgren, Jr.*, did knowingly engage and attempt to engage in the following monetary transactions by, through, or to a financial institution, affecting interstate and foreign commerce, in criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000, that is, the deposit, withdrawal, and transfer of United States currency, such property having been derived from a specified unlawful activity, that is wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343, each transaction constituting a separate count:

Count	On or about Date	Financial Transaction	Amount
VI	4/30/2012	Wire transfer from Wells Fargo bank account # XXXXXX3802 to Australia	\$40,000.00
VII	10/26/2012	Wire transfer from Wells Fargo	\$40,000.00

		bank account # XXXXXX3802 to Australia	
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All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1957.

COUNT VIII
(Aggravated Identity Theft)

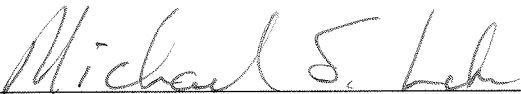
In or about November 2011, in the District of Montana and elsewhere, the defendant, DALTON ALLAN HALLGREN, *aka Donald Hallgren, Jr.*, during and in relation to a felony violation enumerated in 18 U.S.C. § 1028A(c), did knowingly use, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person, knowing that the means of identification belonged to another person, to wit: the defendant used the name and signature of W.F.G. during and in relation to wire fraud under 18 U.S.C. § 1343, in violation 18 U.S.C. §§ 1028A(a)(1) & (c)(5).

A TRUE BILL.

Foreperson signature redacted. Original document filed under seal.



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Crim. Summons _____

Warrant: ☒ _____

Bail: _____